

from Baltimore city had been on the committee, and they had not asked for such a thing.

Mr. Wickes argued against the proposition of Mr. Archer, and in favor of the majority report.

Mr. Ritchie said the question before the house so vitally affected the interests of the counties and so little affected the city of Baltimore that but for the position taken by his colleague, (Mr. Brown,) he should have left the discussion entirely to the county members. There had been the greatest disposition on the part of the counties to give to the city of Baltimore everything which her interest demanded. The proposition for the three-judge system, he understood, received 18 votes out of 21 in committee, representing a large majority of the counties, and from the debate which has taken place here, he was convinced that a majority of the delegates on this floor from the counties were in favor of it, and he should therefore cast his vote for it. He did not believe the interests of the city of Baltimore would be subserved by the amendment, nor if they would, that the people of Baltimore would desire it at the expense of the counties.

The debate was further continued by Messrs. Brown, Wickes and Gill.

Mr. Gill said the people of Baltimore had been assailed on this floor in terms of reproach, and gentlemen had said they wanted no association with them. He knew the people of those seven lower wards; he had met the Democrats of that part of the city; they had always responded to his summons, and were as devoted to free institutions, and as capable of selecting judicial or any other officers as the people of any section of the State. The people of Baltimore numbered 300,000 souls, paid more than half the taxes of the State, and if this system was to be adopted, it did not do justice to that city.

The Convention then, without further action, adjourned.

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, JULY 25.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leech.